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S E C R E T ABIDJAN 5267

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, EFIN, EAID, CG, FR, BE, MO

SUBJ: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

REF: ABIDJAN 5262

1. FOREIGN MINISTER AKE, WHO RETURNED TO ABIDJAN  
FROM PARIS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVT AT 0400 THIS  
MORNING, RECEIVED AMBASSADOR AT 1130.

2. AKE INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT IVORIAN GOVT HAD  
DECIDED TO SEND MILITARY MEDICAL TEAM OF 105 REPEAT  
105 OFFICERS AND MEN TO ZAIRE. THIS WOULD BE  
IVORIAN CONTRIBUTION TO INTER-AFRICAN EFFORT TO  
STABILIZE SITUATION IN ZAIRE. MEDICS WITH EQUIPMENT  
WOULD BE READY TO TRAVEL BY TUESDAY, JUNE 6, AND,  
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AT REQUEST OF HOUPHOUET, FOREIGN MINISTER WISHED  
FORMALLY TO REQUEST U.S. ASSISTANCE IN AIRLIFTING  
IVORIANS TO ZAIRE.

3. AMBASSADOR INFORMED AKE THAT WE WERE PREPARED  
TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT AND THAT THE GOIC WOULD BE INFORMED  
AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON

TIMING.

4. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR, AKE SAID THAT IVORIAN MEDICAL TEAM WOULD CARRY QUOTE LIGHT UNQUOTE EQUIPMENT BUT HE COULD NOT SPECIFY TOTAL WEIGHT. WE WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE ESTIMATE WHEN WE HAVE SPOKEN FURTHER WITH IVORIAN AUTHORITIES.

5. AKE SAID THAT HOUPHOUET WAS STILL IN PARIS WHERE HE WOULD REMAIN AT LEAST UNTIL END OF THIS WEEK. FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT HOUPHOUET AND ENTIRE IVORIAN GOVT WERE DELIGHTED THAT U.S. WAS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN JOINT EFFORT TO STABILIZE SITUATION IN ZAIRE.  
STEARNS

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